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The CIA adds one million to its estimate of Soviet military manpower.

However, the increased estimate to a new total of 5.8 million service personnel - reflects an improved estimate of Soviet noncombat troops rather than an increase in fighting manpower, Rep. Les Aspin (D., Wis.) said yesterday. "Some people are going to distort the new estimate to make the public think the Soviets are stronger, when really they have no additional military capability and all the newly discovered troops are doing the same stuff we thought they were doing with fewer people," As-pin said. Aspin, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said many of the Soviet noncombat troops were assigned to construction. civil deferse and internal security. A CIA spokesman said the agency would have no comment until it studied Aspin's statement.

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